

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim ~~13~~ 21, further comprising

~~wherein means (18, 19) for recording the supply speed of the object being moved are provided, which said means transmit~~ transmitting measuring signals proportional to the supply speed to the control system, ~~(17) and that the control system (17) controls~~ controlling the movement of the thermal print head ~~(4)~~ depending on the recorded supply speed.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim ~~13~~ 21,

~~wherein the drive by means of which the thermal print head (4) can be moved in the feed direction and counter to the feed direction of the object to be printed, has a slider-crank mechanism or a piezo-actuator (33).~~

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim  
13 21,

wherein ~~the stroke length with which the thermal print head~~  
~~(4) can be moved~~ drive has an adjustable stroke length in the  
feed direction and counter to the feed direction of the at least  
one object to be printed ~~is adjustable~~.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim  
13 21,

wherein the thermal print head is attached to a support ~~(9)~~  
mounted in a sliding guide ~~(10)~~, ~~which said support carries~~  
carrying a further second drive by means of which for moving the  
thermal print head ~~(4) can be moved~~ onto the at least one object  
to be printed and away from the at least one object.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim  
13 21, further comprising

~~wherein the thermal print head (4) has assigned to it a cam~~  
~~disk or a circular disk (27) with eccentrically arranged axis of~~  
~~rotation by means of which for bringing~~ the thermal print head  
~~(4) can be brought~~ in contact with the at least one object to be  
printed against the action of a spring element ~~(32)~~.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim  
~~13~~ 17,

wherein the second drive ~~device by means of which the~~  
~~thermal print head (4) can be moved onto the object to be printed~~  
~~and away from the object~~ has at least one piezo-actuator ~~(33)~~.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim  
~~13~~ 21, further comprising

~~wherein opposite to the thermal print head (4) there is~~  
~~arranged~~ a plate-shaped counter-bearing opposite to the thermal  
print head, (5) over which the back side of the at least one  
object to be printed ~~slides~~ sliding over said counter-bearing  
during ~~its~~ feed of the at least one object.

Claim 21 (New): A device for printing at least one object  
moving at a supply speed in a feed direction comprising:

- (a) a thermal print head;
- (b) means for supplying the at least one object to be  
printed to the thermal print head;
- (c) a drive for moving the thermal print head parallel to or  
counter to the feed direction of the at least one object to be  
printed; and
- (d) a control system for controlling the drive so that  
during movement of the thermal print head parallel to the feed

direction of the at least one object the thermal print head has a speed less than or equal to the supply speed of the at least one object being moved and during movement of the thermal print head counter to the feed direction of the at least one object the thermal print head is moved a distance away from the at least one object.

Claim 22 (New): The device according to claim 21, wherein the drive has a piezo-actuator.

Claim 23 (New): The device according to claim 21, further comprising a circular disk with an eccentrically arranged axis of rotation for bringing the thermal print head in contact with the at least one object to be printed against the action of a spring element.